

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1. (Canceled)

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) The ear pad according to claim ~~1~~10, wherein said sound-insulating ~~wall has~~walls have a diameter ~~becoming smaller~~which decreases toward ~~its~~the front ~~edge of~~the ear pad.

4. (Currently Amended) The ear pad according to claim 3, wherein said sound-insulating ~~wall is provided~~walls extend in ~~the~~a direction ~~crossing at right angles~~perpendicular to the center line of the basic body ~~and the wall thickness becomes smaller toward the outer periphery thereof~~.

5. (Currently Amended) The ear pad according to claim 1, wherein each of said sound-insulating ~~wall~~walls has the same diameter ~~of its entire portion~~ and is slightly slanted backward ~~to~~towards the rear edge side, ~~and further the wall thickness becomes smaller toward the outer periphery thereof~~.

6. (Currently Amended) The ear pad according to claim ~~1~~10, wherein said sound-insulating ~~wall includes~~walls include air bubbles having ~~the~~a sound-absorbing capability.

7. (Currently Amended) The ear pad according to claim ~~1~~10, wherein said sound-insulating ~~wall has the~~walls have a maximum outer diameter smaller than two times of the outer diameter of the basic body.

8. (Currently Amended) The ear pad according to claim ±10, wherein not less than five but not more than ten sound-insulating walls are provided on the outer periphery of the basic body.

9. (Currently Amended) An earphone having the ear pad according to claim ±10 provided at thea tip section ~~of the basic body of the earphonethereof~~.

10. (New) An ear pad adapted to being inserted and detachably set in an auditory meatus and having a structure in which, on an outer peripheral surface of a hollow and cylindrical basic body made of an elastic material, a number of gathered sound-insulating walls made of the same material as the basic body are monolithically annularly provided on the basic body at predetermined intervals in the axial direction, the sound-insulating walls having a thickness that reduces toward the outer periphery thereof, each wall contacting an inner wall of the auditory meatus with a peripheral edge bend thereof which extends toward the rear of the basic body such that several sealed spaces are formed for attenuating outside noises by bent walls which overlap and adjoin an adjacent wall at outer peripheral edges thereof when the ear pad is placed in the auditory meatus.

11. (New) An ear pad adapted to being inserted and detachably set in an auditory meatus and having a structure in which, on an outer peripheral surface of a hollow and cylindrical basic body made of an elastic material, a number of gathered sound-insulating walls made of the same material as the basic body are monolithically annularly provided on the basic body at predetermined intervals in the axial direction, the sound-insulating walls having a diameter which decreases toward the front of the pad, extending in a direction perpendicular to the center line of the basic body and having

a wall thickness that reduces toward the outer periphery thereof, each wall contacting an inner wall of the auditory meatus with a peripheral edge bend thereof which extends toward the rear of the basic body such that several sealed spaces are formed for attenuating outside noise by bent walls which overlap and adjoin an adjacent wall at outer peripheral edges thereof when the ear pad is placed in the auditory meatus.